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LAWRENCE, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED ON GUN AND CRACK COCAINE CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that **Jeremiah Davis, 28, Lawrence, Kansas, was sentenced on Monday, August 25, 2003, by Chief U.S. District Judge John W. Lungstrum to five years and ten months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by four years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Davis entered a guilty plea on June 9, 2003, to one count of possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine and one count of possessing a revolver after having been convicted of domestic violence.

Once on February 26, 2003, and twice on February 27, 2003, Lawrence Police Department officers purchased crack cocaine from Jeremiah Davis at Davis' residence on Pinehaven Court, Lawrence, Kansas. On February 28, 2003, officers searched the residence. As the police entered the residence, Davis ran into the bathroom, the officers followed and found ten empty small brown plastic bags and thirty-one small brown plastic bags containing crack cocaine floating in the toilet. Officers also found drug paraphernalia including scales, small baggies, pipes, in excess of 5 grams of crack, and \$584 in cash in Davis' bedroom. A revolver with bullets was found in the bedroom closet. Davis admitted at his plea that the firearm and the drugs were his and that he had been convicted of domestic violence in Douglas County in July 1998 and was prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Lawrence Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.